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Victoria Cinematograph continues to provide plenty of entertainment for the numerous patrons who frequent this popular place of amusement. All the pictures are very interesting and create much merriment. To-night the Misses Diamond and Monte, who have been appearing so successfully before large audiences, give their farewell performance. Miss Viola C. Cooper sings a number of songs.

## ALEXANDRA CINEMATOGRAF.

The Alexandra Cinematograph is fast becoming a popular resort for high-class pictures and the management are making arrangements for the engagement of two capable artists. The pictures are all of a refined nature and are sure to please the most fastidious.

## CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following report will be presented to shareholders at the fortieth ordinary meeting to be held at the company's offices on Thursday, the 4th March, 1909, at 12 o'clock noon. The directors have now the pleasure to submit their annual report and statement of the Company's accounts made up to 31st December last.

The balance at credit of working account as per last report was \$372,427.85; add premium since received \$71,748.05—\$444,175.90. Deduct claims paid in 1908 \$136,184.41; deduct return premium, etc. \$49,270.74—\$166,455.15—Balance of profit \$277,720.75.

It is proposed to apportion this sum as follows:—Dividend of \$2 per share on 20,000 shares \$40,000; to add to extra reserve fund, which will then stand at \$438,668.11—\$9,570.35; bonus to office staff \$6,155.33—\$258,728.69.

1908—The balance at credit of working account at the close of this year was \$353,341.77.

Directors.—Messrs A. G. Wood and A. Fuchs resigned their seats on leaving the Colony and Messrs J. W. C. Bonnar and C. Broderson were appointed to fill the vacancies, and on the resignation of the latter, Mr H. A. Siebs was asked to occupy the vacant seat. These appointments require the confirmation of shareholders.

Messrs Stollin and Friedland retire by rotation, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe have audited the accounts and offer themselves for re-election.

## THE MURDER ON THE FRENCH MAIL.

The police proceed on to Saigon in the case of wife-murder on board the malleposte at Salazie showed that Madame Masol, the murdered lady, might have saved her life had she kept her baby with her. She had the child in her arms when Mr Masol called to her to come and speak to him about her conduct. She handed the baby to a servant, and went to have the interview with her husband which ended so fatally.

The husband said in Court that he was so blinded with rage when she made certain statements that he killed her without giving a thought to the baby. Had she carried the baby during the interview he would not have taken her life. M. Masol was released on bail.

HOW A SOUTH AMERICAN MERCHANT WALKED OFF AN ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA.

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## INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

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OFF-DAY), or \$3 per day. Tickets  
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to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at  
the Gate.  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1906.

**HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.**  
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pleasure of the presence of the  
LADIES at the GRAND STAND  
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16th, 17th, 18th and 20th Instant.  
A Stand and Enclosure will be re-  
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Wives and Families. Tickets for which  
are now being sent out with the Mem-  
bers' Tickets.  
All Tickets must be produced to gain  
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served as in recent years for Chinese  
Ladies and their Female attendants in  
the Stand erected on the plot of Ground  
next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

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**LONDON LETTER.**  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
London, January 12.  
There has been a bad leakage somewhere  
in regard to the Straits Settlements Opium  
Report. The Colonial Office has dallied  
unduly long in issuing the report, partly, I  
am assured, for reasons of economy in print-  
ing, the double setting up of the voluminous  
report in Singapore and London being con-  
sidered serious expense in these days of  
administrative "chess-playing." The real  
reason is, I expect, that the Government  
would rather do nothing till the result of  
the deliberations of the Shanghai Con-  
ference is known.  
But three parts of a column of summary  
has appeared in certain London and Pro-  
vincial papers. "From a correspondent,"  
obviously in the Far East, and there is  
much official frowning thereat.  
The *Manchester Guardian* in an editorial  
on this summary expresses sorrow that  
the Commissioners minimise the evil of  
opium smoking. It continues—"We doubt  
very much whether many impartial persons  
of the evil, however they may think that  
there has been occasional exaggeration in  
the opposite direction; they will be  
more impressed by the reasons given  
for not recommending prohibition. The  
chief of these and the one which is decisive  
is that in the Straits Settlements the whole  
revenue system of the Government has  
been built up on opium. We can under-  
stand the apprehension with which the very  
thought of prohibition is regarded. To  
the Government it means the necessity for  
reconstituting its financial system, to business  
men new heavy taxation, and in not  
a few cases simultaneously with the ruin  
of a profitable trade. It is obvious that  
the Straits Settlements are not free to  
consider the problem impartially, just as  
it is obvious that the problem must be  
settled. That the opium vice can be  
courageously and successfully handled is  
proved by the action of the American  
government in the Philippines, of the  
Japanese government, and of the Chinese  
government. These governments have  
been able to act because they have been  
free. The Government of the Straits  
Settlements must obtain equal freedom by  
abandoning its almost complete reliance  
on opium for revenue. It would, of course,  
be neither practicable nor therefore desir-  
able to attempt hasty and sweeping sup-  
pression. Reform must proceed gradually,  
having regard to the ingrained character  
of the vice and the interests involved; but  
we cannot proceed with less earnestness  
or less vigour than the Chinese Govern-  
ment. A term must be fixed to the  
trade, and due measures taken in the  
intervening period for its progressive ex-  
tinction."

That, I may add, may be taken to be  
the attitude of the ultra-moral section of  
our people, for the *Manchester Guardian*  
caters for that class. The *Westminster*  
*Gazette* has somewhat similar comments.  
Mr. Wilson, one of the secretaries of the  
Society for the Suppression of the Opium  
Trade, commenting on the summary, which  
was the first he had seen of the results of  
the Commission's labours, said he could only  
conclude that the report just maintains the  
position occupied by the defenders of the  
trade when the last Commission was ap-  
pointed to deal with the Hindu-Chinese  
trade in 1855. The findings of that com-  
mittee have been absolutely overthrown.  
The Government itself has gone back on  
the majority report and legislated in  
conjunction with China for the suppres-  
sion of the trade, which has always  
been considered morally indefensible. We  
are absolutely persuaded in the justice  
of our cause and the grounds of our  
agitation, even in the Malay States, and  
that success will come eventually. The  
Malay States are wealthy, and it is only  
a matter of adjustment so that the revenue  
to be surrendered can be made up in one  
way or another.  
"This report," continued Mr. Wilson,  
"does not alter our position in the matter  
in the least, and the case for suppression or  
curtailment in the Malay States is as strong  
as it is anywhere else. However, the whole  
question will be considered at the con-  
ference to be held at Shanghai next month,  
on the initiative of the United States, at  
which Great Britain and eleven other  
Powers will be represented."

While I am on the opium question I may  
add a word as to the numerous raids made  
in Paris this week on secret, yet fashion-  
able, opium dens. The habit came from  
the naval stations of Toulon and elsewhere,  
whither it was brought by men who had  
served in and of Indo-China.  
For a long time the Paris Police have  
had their eyes on the trade but till this  
week they were unable to put their fingers  
on the exact spots where it flourished.  
Lately they have watched closely some of  
the prosperous shops in the fashionable  
Opera quarter and less ornate establish-  
ments in the Ternes district. Follow-  
ing the reports of detectives several  
raids have been made in the last few  
days, the police acting in company  
with a professor of the Paris School of  
Pharmacy. Behind the premises oc-  
cupied by stylish bootmakers and milliners  
luxurious opium saloons with elaborate  
Oriental equipment have been found. Also  
on the establishment the police have come  
upon correspondence proving that many of  
the most fashionable people of the city  
were addicted to the habit. The police  
are now proceeding with the raid on the  
other establishments in the same quarter.  
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**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-  
ING CORPORATION.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY  
MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS IN  
this Corporation will be held at the CITY  
HALL, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the  
20th day of February, 1906, at Noon, for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Court of Directors together with a State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.  
By Order of the Court of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 9, 1906.

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-  
ING CORPORATION.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
REGISTER OF SHARES OF THE  
Corporation will be CLOSED from TUES-  
DAY, the 8th instant, to SATURDAY,  
the 24th instant, 1906 (both days inclusive),  
during which period no Transfer of Shares  
can be registered.  
By Order of the Court of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1906.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-  
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be  
held in the Office of the Company, Queen's  
Building, New Prince, on MONDAY, the  
22nd February, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors and the Statement of Accounts  
to the 31st December, 1905.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 8th to the  
22nd February, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. L. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 27, 1906.

**THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY  
LIMITED.**  
NOTICE is hereby given that an EX-  
TRAORDINARY MEETING of the  
above mentioned Company will be held at  
its registered Office Nos. 9 to 17, Pedder  
Street, Victoria, HONGKONG, on FRIDAY,  
the 20th day of February, 1906, at 12.30  
noon, for the purpose of considering and  
if thought fit passing the following Res-  
olutions:—  
"1. That the capital of the Company  
be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation  
of 8,000 additional shares of \$100 each  
ranked for dividend and in all other  
respects pari passu with the existing shares  
in the Company.  
"2. That the said 8,000 additional  
shares be offered in the first instance at  
par to all members of the Company re-  
gistered as shareholders on the First day  
of March, 1906, in the proportion of two  
new shares for every three original shares  
held by them and upon the footing  
that fifty per cent of the full amount of  
each new share taken up shall be paid to  
the Company on acceptance of the offer  
and that such offer be made by notice  
specifying the number of shares to which  
the member is entitled and limiting a time  
within which the offer if not accepted by  
payment will be deemed to be declined and  
that the directors be empowered to dispose  
of the shares not taken in response to such  
offer as they consider expedient in the  
interests of the Company."  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. MOONEY,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1906.

**HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTUR-  
ING CO., LD.**  
THE 28th ORDINARY ANNUAL  
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
in the above Company will be held at the  
Company's Office, St. George's Building,  
4, Collyer Quay, Victoria, on SATUR-  
DAY, the 27th February, 1906, at Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving a Statement of  
Accounts and the Report of the General  
Managers for the year ending 31st Decem-  
ber, 1905, and electing a Consulting Com-  
mittee and auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from TUESDAY,  
2nd February, to SATURDAY, the 27th  
February, 1906, both days inclusive.  
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1906.

**HONGKONG JOE CO., LIMITED.**  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the Office of the  
General Manager, St. George's Building,  
4, Collyer Quay, Victoria, on SATUR-  
DAY, the 27th instant, to receive a  
Statement of the Company's Accounts to  
31st December, 1905, and the Report of the  
General Managers.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 17th inst.  
to the 27th inst., both days inclusive.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1906.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.,  
LIMITED.**  
THE FORTIETH MEETING OF Share-  
holders in the above Company will be  
held at the Company's Office, No. 3,  
Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on  
THURSDAY, the 4th March, 1906, at 12  
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving  
a Statement of Accounts and the Report of  
the Directors for the year ending 31st  
December 1905.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from 19th February  
to 4th March, both days inclusive.  
By Order,  
C. PEMBERTON,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1906.

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## Auction.

10.30 a.m. &amp; 2.30 p.m.—Auction of Messrs Jay's Whole Stock in Trade at No. 14, Des Vaux Road.

## Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

## Miscellaneous.

Goods per Princess Alice undelivered after this date subject to rent.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, February 20:—

Noon.—Meeting of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the City Hall.

Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.

Goods per Palace not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

Goods per China undelivered at Noon on this date subject to rent.

Goods per Numbata undelivered at noon on this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, February 22:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at Mr. R. Ralph's residence, Craig-ma West, Magazine Gap.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Possessions, at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sale Rooms.

Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong &amp; Whampoa Dock Co., at Co.'s Office.

Noon.—Tenders for the supply of Provisions will be received by Head Quarter (Sicco, Victoria) at 10 a.m.

9.15 p.m.—Choir Concert at City Hall.

Goods per Victoria undelivered after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

Goods per Roma not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, February 23:—

Transfer Books of Hongkong &amp; P. Manufacturing Co., Ltd., close from this date to 27th Feb, inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, February 24:—

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 14, Kintford Terrace, Kowloon.

3 p.m.—Auction of Pianos opposite the City Hall.

Goods per Victoria undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, February 25:—

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at Mr. H. Humphreys' residence, "Albion," Peak Road.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Jewellery, at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sale Rooms.

FRIDAY, February 26:—

Noon.—Tenders for the supply of Provisions will be received by Deputy Vice-Master Store Office, R.M. Naval Yard.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

SATURDAY, February 27:—

Noon.—Meeting of Hongkong Office Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd., at Messrs Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.'s Office.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

MONDAY, March 1:—

Transfer Books of China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 4th March, inclusive.

THURSDAY, March 4:—

Noon.—Meeting of The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

## NOTICE.

Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

Letters relating to business should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

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## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1909.

## BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY PROSPECTS.

The curtain has rung up once again upon the parliament house at St. Stephen's and Mr. Asquith has presented his programme for the coming session.

The contentious measures of last year, the Education Bill, the Licensing Bill, the Scottish Land Bill and the Irish

Voting Bill, find no place in the new schedule, but in their stead we have one good fighting measure, a Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill, and various non-contentious projects of social reform which have evidently been forced to the front by the exigencies of the moment.

Looking at the list of proposed new measures it can be clearly seen that the present Government are prepared to risk all on the forthcoming Budget. Yet Mr. Lloyd-George's proposals can not fail to be highly unsatisfactory to the taxpayers of whatever political persuasion, for, as the King's Speech plainly says, "various causes, including the provision of old age pensions, and the increase which has become necessary in the cost of the Navy, will compel expenditure to be considerably in excess of last year."

We know from recent cablegrams that the matter of Naval expenditure alone has caused a great deal of dissension in the cabinet and that the difference of opinion was only got over with difficulty.

But Mr. Asquith dare not go back on his pledged word in this important matter and so the dissentient members in his rather headstrong team, Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL, Mr. JOHN BURNS and Lord MONTEAGUE, have been brought to heel so that the Cabinet can present an united front to the enemy.

But supposing the Budget proves less unpalatable than at present expected, what chance has a Welsh disestablishment bill to pass the House of Lords? A very different state of affairs prevails to-day than when CHURCHILL disestablished the Irish Church. The testimony given before the Royal Commission on the Welsh Church—which by the way has never presented a report—showed that the Church in Wales was keenly alive to her responsibilities, was increasing her hold upon the people, and was discharging all her spiritual and social functions wisely and well, while the evidence adduced by various Non-conformist bodies to suggest that it was derelict and an anachronism was proved to be sadly vitiated and in many cases quite unwarrantable.

But Mr. Lloyd-George, has dangled Welsh Disestablishment before the nonconformist voters of the Welsh constituencies ever since he took office and the Ministry are evidently willing that he should redeem his pledge. It will serve at the best to occupy the attention of the House till such time as the Chancellor of the Exchequer presents his budget but we imagine it will founder in the storm which will then arise, unless present indications are very misleading. What the Budget proposals will be, Mr. Lloyd-George and the chiefs of the Treasury alone know, but as Mr. WINSTON CHURCHILL has declared that the Budget will be on a purely democratic basis, and as it is also hinted that a substantial surtax is to be imposed on incomes of over £3,000 a year, it looks as if a very great extension of the socialistic principles first introduced into English fiscal policy by the late Sir WILLIAM HARCOURT is near at hand. A general feeling prevails that April will see an appeal to the country. The King's speech rather supports this theory, for the social reforms sketched in the concluding paragraph are evidently a bid for the working class vote. Whether the bait will be as tempting as the iniquitous "Chinese Slavery" cry was at the last general elections remains to be seen. Personally we think the country is tired of the Asquith administration and would prefer to see a change. The Unionists, however, are in two separate camps at present—the Free Traders and the Tariff Reformers—and they must patch up their differences if they wish to win at the polls. Besides, with the exception of Mr. Balfour, who stands supreme, they suffer from a lack of good leaders. The stress and struggle of a general election might remedy this defect perhaps, though at present writing it seems doubtful. Altogether the situation is decidedly interesting and should grow more so as the session advances.

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 18th January was delivered in London on the 17th inst.

A Bengali student has shot and murdered the native public prosecutor at Alipore. He has been arrested and is believed to be an anarchist.

An explosion occurred at Yarmouth on February 1st during the blowing up of a bulk. Six Trinity House workmen were killed.

It is announced that America supports Sir Edward Grey in refusing the recognition of the annexation of the Congo unless the conditions are made more satisfactory.

Mr. R. Wootton, an Australian racehorse owner and trainer, has been bound over in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace towards Mr. J. M. Bell, also an owner of racehorses.

Indian advice from Addis Ababa state that the condition of the Emperor Menelik, who is at Dehri Libanos, is most serious. The majority of the great Chiefs have assembled at Dehri Libanos and King Menelik's artillery is proceeding thither.

Mr. Heinemann was to publish on the 28th of January a novel by a new author, which will be found to be a very remarkable and interesting piece of work. This is "Syrinx" by Laurence North, a character study of an old scholar in love with a young and capricious girl.

During the voyage of the Messageries steamship Portugal to Alexandria, an English lady, Mrs. Claudius, wife of Salib Bey Claudius, Inspector General of the Egyptian Postal Administration, was found in her cabin with her throat cut. An inquiry was held at Marseilles.

John Wisden's Cricketers' Almanack for 1909 containing the full scores and bowling analysis of all important matches played in 1908, besides special photographs of J. B. Hobbs, A. Marshall, Lord Hawke, W. Bressley and J. T. Newland is in hand. One of the interesting features is the accounts of the cricket in Australia and America.

Reuters' Agency learns that negotiations for the cession of Kelantan, Trengganu and Kedah to British have been resumed and that an agreement has been practically reached and may be expected to be signed at Bangkok shortly. In return for the cession, British consulates certain advantages to Siam. The question of extra-territoriality may form part of the treaty, though there is no question of relinquishing that for territorial concessions. It is more likely that the British concessions will take the form of a commercial character.

A Straits-born Chinaman who was found in possession of melted gold, and was subsequently charged with the theft of jewels from the Sultan of Perak's Istana, at Kuala Kangsar, in October last year, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment in addition to being fined \$500. It may be remembered that the articles stolen included a gold sash box studded with diamonds, a splendid gem weighing six carats being in the centre. Three gold tobacco boxes encrusted with diamonds, a heavy gold tobacco-box, a gold fan, a large gold cuspidor, and a large gold tray also disappeared.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Lord Northcote has been created a Privy Councillor.

The death is announced of General Sir Owen Tudor Burne, G.C.B., an old Crimean veteran and a director of the P. &amp; O., aged 72.

The Governor of Singapore left for Home by the P. &amp; O. mail steamer Devanah. He is expected to leave London again on April 30th, so his visit is of the flying order.

Mr. W. G. St. Clair, editor of the Singapore Free Press, has received the Fifth Class of the Rising Sun in recognition of certain services rendered to the Japanese Government.

By the death of Sir A. M. Torrance (L.), a vacancy is created in the parliamentary representation of the Central Division of Glasgow, which he won from the Unionists by the narrow majority of 491 in 1906.

Sir Harry Rawson, whose term as Governor of New South Wales will shortly expire, has expressed his intention of leaving Sydney on March 24 by the Yawata Maru for Japan, and thence to England. Miss Rawson will accompany him.

Capt. C. Badham Thornhill, R.O.A., will leave Singapore shortly for Peking where he will spend two years in the study of Chinese, with it is understood, the option of continuing for another year. Capt. Badham Thornhill has already been detached from regimental duty for study of Japanese, so that linguistically he may become before very long a well-equipped officer in the matter of Oriental languages.

## SOMETHING GOOD.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY is a powerful and reliable remedy for all coughs, colds, and bronchitis. It is a household name and is sold by all chemists and druggists.

## TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE IN PERSIA.

SIX THOUSAND LIVES LOST.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) London, February 18.

An earthquake which occurred on the 23rd January in the province of Laristan, Persia, has killed 6,000 people. Sixty villages were destroyed and 12,000 cattle killed.

[Note:—Laristan and Mogistan are two maritime provinces of Persia, bounded on the south by the Persian Gulf, and the Gulf of Oman, and on the north by the provinces of Faristan and Kerman. — E. G. M.]

## DEATH OF RUSSIAN GRAND-DUKE.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail. Copyright protected under Ordinance 8 of 1894.) London, February 18.

The death is announced of the Grand-duke Vladimir, uncle of the Tsar.

## TANGLED ACCOUNTS.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.) Peking, February 17.

The Acting President of the Board of Communications, Li Tin-lin, formerly a tutor of the Prince Regent, has discovered that the accounts of the Board are in a confused state.

## TO PUNISH CHAN PI.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.) Peking, February 17.

The Censors urge that Chan Pi, the cashiered Minister of the Board of Communications, should be severely dealt with as a warning to others.

## HANKOW-CANTON RAILWAY.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.) Peking, February 17.

H. E. Chang Chih-tung proposes to appoint Tsao Wang Pin-gan Chief Director of the Canton-Hankow railway in succession to Chuan Tung Liang Sing.

[Note:—Tsao Wang was dismissed from office on the recommendation of the late Viceroy Chan-fu, of Canton. He is recently has risen in the favour of Chang Chih-tung.]

## A MISSION OF ENQUIRY.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.) Peking, February 17.

Grand Councillor Lin Chuan-lin having suddenly left Peking, it is suspected that he has been entrusted with a secret mission to enquire into the truth of the allegations preferred against Chu Shu-chang by the Censors.

## GOODBYE TO THE "FLOHA."

Flying a very long homeward-bound pennant, with every bit of brass-work twinkling in the sunlight and altogether looking spick-and-span, H.M.S. Floa set out on her long voyage to South America waters at 2 o'clock this afternoon. As she passed the various ships of the China squadron hearty cheers rang out, while messages of goodbye fluttered from the signal halyards of the flagship and H.M.S. "Cunard." The Floa is going to "show the flag" in waters that have not seen the British ensign for many a year and a better representative could not have been selected.

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## THE BERLIN OUTRAGES.

CITIZENS GUARD FORMED.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, February 17.

As a result of "Jack the Ripper" outrages which have been occurring in Berlin, a citizens guard has been formed.

## THE MEXICAN THEATRE FIRE.

CAUSED BY CINEMATOGRAPH FILM.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, February 17.

The theatre which caught fire at Asapulco, Mexico, was being attended by about a thousand, largely of the wealthiest, people of the province.

A cinematograph film caused the fire.

The panic was followed by a rush through the narrow exits, many people being crushed and then roasted to death.

## AWFUL COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

136 MINERS ENTOMBED.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail. Copyright protected under Ordinance 8 of 1894.)

London, February 17.

A serious explosion has occurred at Winstanley Colliery, Durham. The shaft is ablaze, and 136 miners are entombed.

## NEW DESTROYER'S TRIALS.

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London, February 17.

The new destroyer Swift in her trials on the Clyde has registered 38 knots.

## THE DISPOSITION OF THE AMERICAN NAVY.

HALF FOR PACIFIC WATERS.

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London, February 18.

At Washington, the Senate committee has adopted an amendment to the Naval Bill providing that at the discretion of the President half of the Navy shall be kept in Pacific waters as far as practicable. The President already has such authority, but the amendment amounts to an expression of the Senate in favour thereof.

## TANG SHAO-YI IN PARIS.

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London, February 18.

H. E. Tang Shao-yi, the special Chinese commissioner, has started for Paris.

## PNEUMONIA.

OLD people and those who have weak lungs, cannot be too careful in guarding against this disease. Pneumonia always results from a cold or an attack of influenza, and can be prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have as yet to hear of an attack of pneumonia where Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was taken. For sale by all chemists and druggists.



## HONGKONG RACE MEETING.

## TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

With another day's perfect climatic conditions and the turf in the very best of order, the races continue to be the absorbing interest in the Colony. The good sport of the two previous days has had the effect of maintaining the attendance at a record figure, and to-day again "the world and his wife" came out to join in the pleasures and the excitement which a race meeting never fails to provide.

The entire of the magnificent situated race-course, than which there is probably none more beautiful in the world, were again alive with people of all nationalities, and the sight was indeed worth seeing.

For the first time, the Buffs band were accommodated in the grand stand, and the change was in every respect an improvement. The music could be more distinctly heard while the bandmen's comfort was certainly increased. The general arrangements both inside the gates, as well as in the regulation of the traffic outside, were again all that could be desired.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Francis D. Lugard), accompanied by Miss Heniker, arrived shortly after noon, and again took up their position with a party in the special box reserved for them.

At the conclusion of the race for the Ladies' Purse an interesting little ceremony took place in the Grand Stand, when Miss Lyon presented the winning jockey (Mr. Vids) with the bullion secured as the result of his successful efforts. Amongst the large crowd which assembled were His Excellency and Miss Heniker. Mr. Vids having handed Miss Lyon a beautiful bouquet, the latter, in a few appropriate words, made the presentation amidst applause. Mr. Vids briefly returned thanks, and the ceremony concluded with cheers for Miss Lyon.

Chief interest, of course, centred in the Champion Stakes, next but last on the programme, and a fine race was seen, the winner turning up in Little Gem Rose. As on previous days, the times were fast throughout.

**THE GRAND STAND STAKES.**—Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies, four fide Griffins on date of entry. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. John Peel's Fannie 1st 12lb. (Mr. Laurence) 1

Messrs Findlay and Moir's Strathdallas 2nd 12lb. (Mr. Vids) 2

\* Messrs Toog and Speelman's Double Zero 3rd 12lb. (Mr. Hayes) 3

Mr. Olympia's Achilles 1st 4lb. (Mr. Schorr) 0

\* Mr. John Peel's Cattistock 1st 1lb. (Mr. Gresson) 0

\* 5lb. penalty. Time 1 m. 32 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$8.10. Placings, 1st, \$5.60, 2nd, \$3.10, 3rd, \$1.70. Cash sweeps: \$355.40, \$104.40, \$52.20.

On emerging from the shrubbery the ponies were in a bunch, with Fannie having a slight advantage, Achilles being long way last. On going up the rock incline Fannie was leading, Cattistock coming next, Volga third, and Strathdallas in the rear. Coming down the hill Volga dropped into fourth berth. Fannie still led on reaching the village, with Strathdallas occupying second position. The leader increased his advantage from Strathdallas on getting into the straight, and got home well ahead of Volga a good third.

**THE GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES.**—Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. China Ponies. One mile.

Messrs Toog and Speelman's Fudley 1st 12lb. (Mr. Burkill) 1

Mr. Buxey's York Rose, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Burkill) 2

Messrs Findlay and Moir's Strathdallas 1st 12lb. (Mr. Vids) 3

\* Mr. Bruton's Lowlander, 2nd 13lb. (Mr. Petersen) 0

\* Mr. Ellis Kadourie's Bohemian Chief, 1st 5lb. (Mr. Jones) 0

\* 10lb. allowance. Time 2 m. 05 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$18.20. Placings, 1st, \$7.80, 2nd, \$3.20, 3rd, \$1.80. Cash sweeps: \$567.50, \$35.40.

When the flag dropped Bohemian Chief was holding the rails and on passing the Judge's box he led the way with Seafoam second, the Race third, Sutley fourth and Lowlander several lengths behind. Going past the football stand Chief increased his lead while the Rose drew level with Seafoam, Lowlander coming up hard from the rear position. The same order was kept on entering the back straight, the Chief, who was being ridden hard, improving his lead when going up the incline. Coming down from the rock Seafoam took second place while Rose dropped back a little. Going round the bend the two second ponies caught up the Chief and passed him a moment later. Seafoam had a slight lead on entering the straight, the Rose being second and Sutley close up in third place. Then Sutley shot through and took the lead which he held to the finish. A good finish, with Bohemian Chief in fourth position. The time equalled the previous record.

**THE HONGKONG STAKES.**—Value \$600. Second to receive \$200; and Third \$75. A forced entry for China Ponies Subscription Griffins of this Season 1908-1909. One mile and a half.

\* Mr. Dryad's Barry, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Dupree) 1

\* Admiral Lambton's Kaurah, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Mackie) 2

\* Mr. J. S. Sills's Gamble, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Hayes) 3

\* Mr. J. Armstrong's Kist, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Hoken) 0

\* Major H. Findlay's Bluebird, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Lyons) 0

\* Mr. John Peel's Dunkerry, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Laurence) 0

\* 7lb. penalty. 10lb. allowance. Time 2 m. 21 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$12.70. Placings, 1st, \$5.50, 2nd, \$2.70, 3rd, \$1.40. Cash sweeps: \$1,019.50, \$300.00, \$150.00.

A fine race. At the start the order was Dunkerry, Kaurah, Gamble, and Barry. Coming down the rock the order was, at the

a bunch. Dunkerry held the lead on going round the bend, the rest all being together. The Rose got into second place on passing the mile-post and took the rails at the Judge's box. Backstay was now third. The Rose took the lead from Dunkerry on nearing the football stand, while Tamar came into third berth, Backstay having fallen back. On going up the hill again Dunkerry once more slipped into first position. Tamar being second, the Rose having to be content with third. The lead was still held by Dunkerry on going round the bend, but Kaurah was coming up hot stuff on the outside. On passing the distance post Barry shot into second place, and a neck and neck race followed between him and Kaurah for first position, Dupree securing the victory by good riding.

**THE LADIES' PURSE.**—Presented \$250. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies. One fide.

Messrs Findlay and Moir's Seafoam, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Vids) 1

Mr. Buxey's Celia Rose, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Burkill) 2

Messrs Toog and Speelman's Double Zero, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Hayes) 3

Mr. Olympia's Fudley, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Schorr) 0

Time 1 m. 54 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$21.70. Placings, 1st, \$6.10, 2nd, \$3.10, 3rd, \$1.70. Cash sweeps: \$1,225.35, \$359.10, \$179.55.

Seafoam was on the rails when the start was signalled, but Double Zero immediately got in front and led the way for a time. Seafoam following close on. At the football stand the leaders were neck and neck, and they kept in close attendance. Seafoam getting into the third berth near the rock. On passing the rock the Rose led, with Seafoam and Double Zero just behind. It was still anybody's race, but on getting into the straight, Seafoam dashed ahead. He got a good lead, Rose who was gradually overhauling him, secured second place, after making a bold bid for front position.

**THE FITZPATRICK STAKES.**—Value \$400. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies four fide Griffins on date of entry. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Orlery's Dart, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Jones) 1

Mr. John Peel's Garth, 1st 4lb. (Mr. Laurence) 2

\* Messrs Toog and Speelman's Missouri, 1st 9lb. Mr. Hayes) 3

\* Mr. Buxey's Snowflake Rose, 1st 11lb. (Mr. Mackie) 0

Messrs Findlay and Moir's Strathdallas, 1st 4lb. (Mr. Vids) 0

\* 5lb. allowance. 10lb. penalty. Time 1 m. 50 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$45.70. Placings, 1st, \$10.80, 2nd, \$5.40, 3rd, \$3.10. Cash sweeps: \$1,767.70, \$502.50, \$251.10.

At the drop of the flag Garth and Missouri were in front, the former having the rails. Fugitive was last. Garth and Missouri still continued to run level for first place, and on passing the football stand Strathdallas was coming up with a rush. Near the rock the lead with Missouri second, while Garth had dropped back to last place but one. On passing the rock Garth continued to lead, his rider using the whip, with Missouri second and Strathdallas next. The village was reached with Garth still in front, Missouri having now dropped back into the bunch. Rose was coming up on the outside. A rapid change of positions followed and it was a fine race down the straight between five ponies, Eugene being in the rear. A grand finish, Dart winning from Garth by a neck.

**THE PHAETON STAKES.**—Presented by the Gymkhana Club. Handicap. Value \$500. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies that have run at the Gymkhana Meetings or of Meetings of the Season 1908, and Griffins on date of entry. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Reinbeck's Maryland, 1st (Mr. Vids) 1

Mr. F. H. May's Astral, 1st (Mr. Jones) 2

Mr. Ellis Kadourie's Waziri Chief, 1st 10lb. (Mr. Jones) 3

Mr. H. Humphrey's Resignation, 1st 2lb. (Mr. Dupree) 0

Messrs Toog and Speelman's Desiré, 1st 5lb. (Mr. Hayes) 0

Time 2 m. 42 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$11.80. Placings, 1st, \$6.60, 2nd, \$3.30, 3rd, \$1.65. Cash sweeps: \$1,602.55, \$439.30, \$219.65.

Desiré led from Resignation at the start. Waziri Chief, Astral fourth, with Maryland bringing up the rear. The same position was kept on passing the mile post. The order on passing the Judge's box was Desiré, Resignation, Waziri Chief, Maryland, and Astral. Desiré led by several lengths at the bend. Resignation coming on, being followed by Maryland. At the football stand Maryland and Waziri were racing neck and neck for third place. Then Maryland got in front of the Chief, being followed by Astral, who came into third place. Desiré falling away into fourth position. Maryland led on the home straight, with Astral on the rails. The leader took the race in hand and won hands down, the pony not being ridden at all. Desiré was last.

**THE GYMNASTIC CUP.**—Presented by His Excellency Sir F. J. D. Lugard, K.O.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies Subscription Griffins of this Season 1908-1909. One mile.

Mr. G. Q. Henriquez's Grey Back, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Jones) 1

Admiral Lambton's Kaurah, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Mackie) 2

Mr. H. Gibbon Moore's Lysun, 1st 11lb. (Mr. Moore) 3

\* Mr. Buxey's Little Dot Rose, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Burkill) 0

\* Mr. Douglas's Bluejacket II, 1st (Mr. Hansen) 0

Messrs Findlay and Moir's Strathmill, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Vids) 0

Mr. H. Humphrey's Mummy, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Hayes) 0

Mr. Macdonald's Highland Laddie, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Hickman) 0

\* 2lb. overweight. 7lb. penalty. 10lb. allowance. Time 2 m. 09 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$36.00. Placings, 1st, \$8.00, 2nd, \$4.00, 3rd, \$2.00. Cash sweeps: \$1,576.00, \$450.00, \$225.00.

A field of twelve got well away. Grey Back getting the rails, to be superseded a moment later by Torrington. Backstay was close on, while Strathmill was last. At the bend, Backstay led, Strathmill went into the ditch and threw his rider, who walked in. Backstay took the lead at the foot of the incline. Kaurah coming into third position. The village was reached with Backstay leading, Lysun second, then Grey Back took second place, coming up hot on the rails. Three led in a bunch, until Grey Back jumped in front and took home a length in front of Kaurah, Torrington was last. A beautiful

**THE CONSOLATION STAKES.**—A Sweepstakes of \$100 each with \$300 added. Second to receive \$150; and Third \$75. For China Ponies that have run and not won at this Meeting. Three quarters of a mile.

Messrs Toog and Speelman's Pei-ho, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Hayes) 1

Mr. Buxey's York Rose, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Mackie) 2

Mr. Dryad's Barry, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Dupree) 3

Mr. Buxey's Celia Rose, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Vids) 0

\* 5lb. allowance. Time 1 m. 52 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$18.90. Placings, 1st, \$6.30, 2nd, \$3.15, 3rd, \$1.57. Cash sweeps: \$1,477.35, \$422.10, \$211.05.

On entering the oval Coxcomb led, with York Rose second and Pei-ho third. Nearing the rock Garth took first place, and on coming round the bend Pei-ho drew level with the leader. The lead was still kept by Hayes's mount, while Garth dropped back, York Rose coming up with a rush. Won by a length, a short neck separating the second and third ponies.

**THE CHAMPION STAKES.**—With \$750 added. Second to receive \$250; and Third \$150. For China Ponies, Winners at this Meeting only. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Buxey's Little Gem Rose, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Burkill) 1

Messrs Toog and Speelman's Double Zero, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Hayes) 2

Mr. John Peel's Fannie, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Gresson) 3

Time 2 m. 36 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$7. Placings, 1st, \$6.10, 2nd, \$3.10, 3rd, \$1.70. Cash sweeps: \$5,996.50, \$1,599, \$799.50.

**THE NIDDERSPRINT STAKES.**—A Sweepstakes of \$100 each with \$200 added. Winner to receive 70 per cent; Second 30 per cent; and Third 10 per cent. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Season 1908-1909 that have run and not won at this Meeting. Five furlongs.

Mr. H. Humphrey's Mummy, 1st (Mr. Dupree) 1

Mr. F. C. R. Studd's Butcher, 1st (Mr. Burkill) 2

Messrs Toog and Speelman's Gunduck, 1st 12lb. (Mr. Hayes) 3

Time 1 m. 18 1/2 secs.

Par-mutual: Winner, \$108.60. Placings, 1st, \$42.70, 2nd, \$14.70, 3rd, \$4.15. Cash sweeps: \$1,764.50, \$450, \$225.

**Wins by Jockeys.**

Mr. Burkill ... 9 7 2 3

Mr. Hayes ... 6 3 1 1

Mr. Dupree ... 5 3 1 1

Mr. Jones ... 3 0 2 2

Mr. Laurence ... 2 4 0 1

Mr. Mackie ... 0 6 1 0

Mr. Schorr ... 0 1 3 0

Mr. Gresson ... 0 1 0 1

Mr. Vids ... 0 1 0 1

Mr. Morris ... 0 0 1 0

Mr. Humphrey ... 0 0 1 1

**Wins by Owners.**

Mr. Buxey ... 10 7 2 2

Messrs Toog and Speelman ... 5 3 2 2

Mr. Dryad ... 3 2 0 4

Mr. Orlery ... 3 0 5 2

Mr. Jones ... 2 0 4 0

Mr. Moore ... 0 2 1 0

Mr. Macdonald ... 0 1 0 0

Lieut. Leeson ... 0 1 0 0

Mr. May ... 0 1 0 0

Mr. Waziri ... 0 0 1 0

Mr. Ellis Kadourie ... 0 0 1 0

Mr. F. C. R. Studd ... 0 0 1 0

**Wins by Ponies.**

Barry ... 3 1 0 0

Little Gem Rose ... 3 0 0 0

Rave d'Or Rose ... 2 1 0 0

Backstay ... 2 0 0 0

Fannie ... 1 1 1 1

Geisler ... 1 1 1 1

Snowflake Rose ... 1 1 1 1

Spring Rose ... 1 1 1 1

Fei-ho ... 1 1 1 1

Massouri ... 1 0 3 0

Plym ... 1 0 1 0

Dart ... 1 0 1 0

Grey Back ... 1 0 1 0

Seafoam ... 1 0 1 0

Judith Rose ... 1 0 1 0

Little Dot Rose ... 1 0 1 0

Glorious Rose ... 1 0 1 0

Swan ... 1 0 1 0

Abstar ... 1 0 1 0

Harald ... 1 0 1 0

Maynard ... 1 0 1 0

Mummy ... 1 0 1 0

Kaurah ... 0 0 4 0

Garth ... 0 0 3 0

Lysun ... 0 0 2 1

Coxcomb ... 0 0 2 1

Sutley ... 0 0 2 1

York Rose ... 0 0 2 1

Gunduck ... 0 1 2 2

Cattalock ... 0 1 1 1

Celia Rose ... 0 1 1 1

Swan ... 0 1 1 1

Highland Laddie ... 0 1 1 0

Astral ... 0 1 1 0

Waziri Chief ... 0 1 1 0

Strathdallas ... 0 1 1 0

Double Zero ... 0 1 1 0

Dunkerry ... 0 0 1 0

Earthquake ... 0 0 1 0

Constant ... 0 0 1 0

Resignation ... 0 0 1 0

St. Joseph ... 0 0 1 0

Gambler ... 0 0 1 0

## HOME SPORTING.

(Specially written for the "CHINA MAIL".) LONDON, January 21.

This week sees the departure of the Australian Rugby Football team from this country after a tour lasting nearly four months. They have not created a sensation like the New Zealanders or South Africans, but nevertheless have had a successful time, only five defeats having to be recorded. The conduct of the players on the field has evoked strong criticism in the papers, and I am afraid it will be a long time before another team from the same shores is invited to come over. This is a matter of regret, as the South Africans clearly demonstrated that clean and fair play can lead to great success without resort to other methods. All the men will return to Australia with the exception of the captain, Dr. Moran, who is remaining in order to study medicine at Edinburgh University.

Last week it was as if a bomb had exploded in the football world when Scotland announced their refusal to meet England at Rugby next March, owing, as they allege, to the latter sanctioning the payment of £3/- a day to each member of the 'Anglo-Welsh' team which toured in New Zealand last year, and which they regard as an act of professionalism. This payment was for personal expenses in the way of drinks and tobacco, and England in her reply to Scotland regards it as an "irreducible minimum." The general opinion here is that Scotland has acted in a too-high-handed manner, as they ought to have referred the matter to the international Board, instead of taking it on themselves to dictate matters. Wales sides with England, but Ireland has not yet expressed an opinion. The whole affair will have to be inquired into shortly, and it will be interesting to see when the fight for the Calcutta Cup will again take place. The Scottish Union have not acted in a consistent manner, as Scotch clubs are not debarred from playing their opponents across the Border, which seems a Gilbertian state of affairs!

The England v. Wales match, which resulted in a narrow win for the Welshmen by 8 points to nil, was a splendid game to watch, the English forwards playing superbly. For the England-France game next week only one change has been made in the pack, a United Services player, C. A. Bolton, being given his "cap."

## MILITARY TOPICS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

The great question of the moment at home, and in India is—"Who will succeed Lord Kitchener?" "K. of K." certainly made many mistakes when first he went to India. He knew nothing of *Culte*; he cared less. He thought he could treat the Sepoy as he treated the Egyptian soldier, but after taking away old regimental honours, on the ground of economy, and generally upsetting the interior economy of some high caste corps, he saw the error of his ways. The net result has been many extra allowances in pay and furloughs to the Indian Army generally. And Heaven knows they needed them.

Lord Kitchener is not so pig-headed as to bump up against a wall out of pure conceit, only to find he has cut







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DEWANA 8000	Apr. 17	CHINA 8000	May 1	May 8
DEWANA 8000	May 1	CHINA 8000	May 15	May 22
DEWANA 8000	May 15	CHINA 8000	May 29	June 5
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Hongkong, November 2, 1908.

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Amoy & Manila	FRIDAY, Feb. 19, at 5 p.m.
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STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIKINI	JAPAN	Second half February.	JAVA	Second half February.
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TJILWONG	JAVA	First half of March.	JAPAN	First half of March.
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THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR  
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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 25, 1908.

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Hongkong, April 4, 1908.

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## Shipping.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship  
Captain J. G. O'SHEA, will be despatched for  
the above Ports on SATURDAY, the  
20th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, February 15, 1909. 232

## Notices to Consignees

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S  
STEAMER SANGA.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel are hereby informed  
that their Goods are being landed  
and placed at their risk in the Hongkong  
Godowns of Messrs. GOSWAMI & CO.,  
at Kowloon, where each consignment  
will be sorted out Mark by Mark and  
delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary  
before 6 Hours.

From PARSIAN GULF, ex s.s. B.I.S.N. &  
B. & P.S.N. Co's Steamers.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd inst., at  
p.m., will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me  
in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the  
Godowns for examination by the Con-  
signee's and the Company's representative  
at an appointed date.

All claims must be presented within ten  
days of the steamer's arrival here after  
which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1909. 238

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ,  
ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO,  
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Yorck*,  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo  
are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed at their risk, into the haz-  
ardous Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,  
at Kowloon, whence delivery may be ob-  
tained immediately after landing.

This Steamer brings Cargo  
From Trieste ex s.s. *Africa*, transhipped  
at Bombay.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here  
unless notice to the contrary be given  
immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all  
Claims must be sent to the Office of the  
Underwriter before Noon, on the 24th  
February, 1909, or they will not be re-  
cognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and  
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after  
the 24th February, 1909, will be subject  
to rent.

Consignees of Cargo from Europe are  
required to sign an Average Bond and to  
give a deposit of 5% before Bill of Lading  
can be countersigned.

SANDER, WHEELER & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, February 12, 1909. 240

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
STEAMER *TOURANE*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON  
ex s.s. *Melcoz & Dordogne*, from  
BORDEAUX ex s.s. *Ville d'Aras*, in connection  
with the above Steamer, are hereby in-  
formed that their Goods, with the ex-  
ception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables,  
are being landed and stored at their risk  
into the hazardous Godowns of the Hong-  
kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Com-  
pany, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point God-  
owns whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods  
remaining undelivered after the 19th of  
February, 1909, will be subject to rent.  
At 3.30 a.m.

All claims must be sent to me on or  
before the 22nd February, or they will not  
be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined  
on MONDAY, 22nd February, at 3 p.m.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPAGNE,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1909. 229

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship  
CHINA.

The above named Vessel having  
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby  
notified to send in their Bills of Lading for  
counter-signature, and to take immediate  
delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge of the vessel  
will be discharged at once, at Consignee's  
risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after Noon,  
will be landed here unless instructions are  
given to the contrary before 6 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 20th inst., at  
p.m., will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me  
in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the  
Godowns for examination by the Con-  
signee's and the Company's representative  
at an appointed date. All claims must be  
presented within ten days of the steamer's  
arrival here, after which date they cannot be  
recognised. No Claims will be admitted  
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E. A. HEWETT,  
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Hongkong, February 15, 1909. 211

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MAIN RAILWAY LINE—Semi-Weekly Express Service from Dairen to Chang-  
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STEAMSHIP SERVICE—Regular Direct Weekly Service by the fast Passenger  
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All managed by the Company and provided with every convenience, luxury, and  
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Fresh stock always on hand.

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Tel. Add.: "MANCHU". Codes: A.B.O., 5th Ed., A.I., and LEBER'S.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1909.

## Notice to Consignees

## THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *SUPERIOR*.FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, VIO-  
TORIA, MOBI AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived Con-  
signees of Cargo are hereby requested  
to send in their Bills of Lading for  
counter-signature, and to take immediate  
delivery from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
vessel will be landed at once at Con-  
signee's risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after Noon,  
on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Feb., 1909,  
will be landed and stored at Consignee's  
risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
All Cargo undelivered on SATURDAY,  
February 20th, 1909, at 12 Noon, will be  
subject to rent.

All claims and otherwise damaged cargo  
will be examined at the above Company's  
Godown on THURSDAY, the 18th Feb.,  
1909, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1909. 230

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Gregory Apoc* having  
arrived from the above ports, Con-  
signees of Cargo are hereby informed that  
their Goods will be delivered from along-  
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel  
will be landed at once, at Consignee's risk  
and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after  
2 p.m. of the 17th inst. will be landed  
at Consignee's risk and expense.

Consignees of cargo from Singapore and  
Penang are requested to take immediate de-  
livery of their Goods from alongside, such  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
signee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1909. 235

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.  
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Steamship  
PATRICK ALICE,  
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are  
hereby informed that their Goods, with the  
exception of Opium, Treasure and Valua-  
bles, are being landed and stored at their  
risk into the hazardous Godowns of the Hong-  
kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Com-  
pany, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point God-  
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No Claims will be admitted after the  
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods  
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At 3.30 a.m.

All claims must be sent to me on or  
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P. DE CHAMPAGNE,  
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION CO'S  
STEAMER *PALAWAN*.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA,  
PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-  
named Vessel are hereby informed  
that their Goods are being landed  
and placed at their risk in the hazardous  
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PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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